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Stockton Performing Arts Lecture Series: Dr. Jeff Goldstein

Center Director, National Center for Earth and Space Science Education
Institute Director, Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Education Presents
“A Voyage that Will Forever Change Your Perspective of Home”

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Galloway Township, NJ- You're invited to the story of our existence—a race of explorers, 6 billion tiny souls strong. It is a story that ignites wonder about the universe, and a sense of pride in our ability to reveal its nature through both human imagination and ingenuity. It is a voyage that will forever change your perspective of home. The focus of this program will be an inspiration to young and old—a wonderful family program; understanding the nature of our existence using the power of models.

The Stockton Performing Arts Center and Ocean City High School will host Dr. Jeff Goldstein, Center Director, National Center for Earth and Space Science Education (NCESSE) and Institute Director, Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Space Education, who will present “A Voyage That Will Forever Change Your Perspective of Home,” at the Bill Hughes Performing Arts Center, Ocean City High School on Oct. 10.

The lecture begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are free but must be reserved by calling the Stockton Performing Arts Box Office at (609) 652-9000. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 90 minutes before the performance. For group sales, call (609) 652-4786.

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Dr. Jeff Goldstein is a nationally recognized science educator and planetary scientist who has dedicated his career to the public understanding of science and the joys of learning.

As NCESSSE center director, he is responsible for overseeing the creation and delivery of national science education initiatives with a focus on earth and space. These include programs for schools, families, and the public; professional development for grade K-12 educators; and exhibitions for museums and science centers. Initiatives are meant to provide a window on the nature of science and the lives of modern-day explorers, with special emphasis on not just what is known about Earth and space but how it has come to be known. Programs embrace a [Learning Community Model](#) for science education.

Dr. Goldstein oversaw the creation of the Center's [national science education initiatives](#), including the [Student Spaceflight Experiments Program \(SSEP\)](#), which immerses hundreds of students across each participating community in real science. As director of the [Voyage National Program](#), he led the inter-organizational team that permanently installed [Voyage model Solar System on the National Mall in Washington, DC](#), in front of the Smithsonian and is author of the storyboards. The exhibition is dedicated to an understanding of Earth's place in space. The Center is now permanently installing replicas in communities world-wide. Dr. Goldstein is director for the center's activities supporting NASA's MESSENGER spacecraft mission to Mercury, which includes establishment of the *MESSENGER Educator Fellows*, a corps of master science teachers that are providing training for 27,000 teachers on solar system science and exploration content. He also oversees *Journey through the Universe*—a national science education initiative that engages entire communities—students, teachers, families, and the public. He also directs the *Family Science Night* program at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. Dr. Goldstein is also a blogger at the [Huffington Post](#), and writes [Blog on the Universe](#) which is dedicated to science education.

Dr. Goldstein's planetary science research includes the development of techniques for

